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SUBJ: CYPRUS FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

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- 1. SINCE MY RETURN FROM WASHINGTON CONSULTATION WE HAVE MADE EFFORTS ELICIT A FORMAL REPLY FROM TURKISH CYPRIOTS RE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN OUR FULBRIGHT PROGRAM. WHILE TURK CYPRIOT LEADERS PRIVATELY HAVE INDICATED THEIR DESIRE TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATING, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE PROMOSED WRITTEN REPLY. DENKTASH AND HIS VNIEF AIDE DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM HAVE NOW LEFT THE ISLAND FOR VIENNA, NEW YORK, AND POSSIBLY ACAPULCO. THEY MAY NOT BE BACK FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD. I FEEL WE HAVE EXHAUSTED THE "REASONABLE PERIOD" REFERRED TO IN REF (B) AND MUST NOW PROCEED WITH OPTION C DESCRIBED REF (A).
- 2. IF QUERIED BY TURK CYPRIOTS, WE PLAN REPLY THAT (A) WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH FULBRIGHT PROGRAMMING ON BASIS OF DENKTASH'S ORAL ASSURANCES OF TURK CYPRIOT PARTICIPATION; AND (B) THAT WE SIMPLY COULD NOT FURTHER DELAY CONSIDERATION OF IMPORTANT PROGRAM MATTERS. WE WILL ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR PARTICIPATION WITHOUT FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO OUR PROPOSALS.
- 3. I HAVE COME TO FEEL THAT THIS MAY BE EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE HOPING WE WILL DO IN ORDER TO AVOID TAKING A FORMAL STAND ON FULBRIGHT PROGRAM. WE WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT ADVISED. CRAWFORD CONFIDENTIAL

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